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1. Phya Kammao, acting Prime Minister of Laos while the Prime Minister and other high ranking Laotian officials are in Paris, is extremely concerned about the possibility of increased Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) penetration, or actual invasion of Laos.¹
2. The French have moved the bulk of non Laos troops from Laos to the Lai Chau (103-09; 22-04) and Son La (103-54; 21-19) sectors of Tonkin. The French believe that in the event of a DRV offensive against Laos, the DRV would use Lai Chau and Son La as points of entry.
3. The Laos Government is concerned by the knowledge that the French have buried supplies at a number of places in western Laos. The Government interprets this action to mean that the French anticipate retreating from this area and leaving only stay-behind groups.
4. Kammao has requested the Thai Government to strengthen its defenses along Thailand-Laos routes through Chiang Saen (99-52; 20-09) and Chiang Khong (100-24; 20-17).²

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Comment. This is the most probable road for the DRV to use if they should penetrate Thailand.

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